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Applicants: TANAKA et al

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Examiner: V. Shankar

RESPONSE

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Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006.

The rejection of claims 1 - 8 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 - 15 of US Patent No. 7,006,069 is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In setting forth the rejection, the Examiner indicates that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 1 of the instant application and claim 1 of US Patent No. 7,006,069 claim similar subject matters, with the Examiner identifying the alleged similar subject matters. As apparently recognized by the Examiner, only the claimed subject matter of US Patent No. 7,006,069 can be properly utilized in rejecting claims of this application, and applicants submit that irrespective of the similarities pointed